

Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of September 21, 2021

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco
<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Today, there are over 49,000 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 607 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

Data shows COVID-19 cases among SF children is low and schools remain safe settings

The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) is closely monitoring COVID-19 cases among children and in schools and is providing critical public health resources to San Francisco communities. These include free vaccinations for all eligible individuals; testing services; critical guidance and support to schools on COVID safety measures; and case investigations and contact tracing at schools. To date, our data demonstrate that cases among San Francisco residents under age 18 have remained low and stable throughout the pandemic and that schools are low-risk settings when the proper safety protocols are followed.

DPH data on schools and children will be updated on a weekly basis to provide information and context to the COVID-19 pandemic in San Francisco as it relates to the impact on children. Future weekly updates will be made public on the City's COVID-19 [data dashboards page](#).

Data Highlights for San Francisco on COVID-19 in Children through September 6, 2021:

- **Pediatric cases in children are a small percentage of total cases in San Francisco.** COVID-19 cases in children under 18 have remained less than 20% of overall cases throughout this pandemic, including the most recent surge due to the Delta variant. The vast majority of COVID-19 cases have been in adults.
- **The percentage of pediatric cases has been relatively consistent over time.** Recent data shows that 11.5% of COVID-19 positive cases were among children under 18. Recent historical 2021 data is as follows:
 - August: 12.8%
 - July: 10.8%
 - June: 12.8%
 - May: 17.0%
- **Serious forms of COVID among children are extremely rare in San Francisco.** The majority of San Francisco children with COVID-19 have mild symptoms or are asymptomatic, including most recent cases from the Delta variant. Hospitalization of San Francisco children due to COVID-19 continues to be so low (less than 5 at any given time) that the data cannot be publicly reported without concern for privacy and confidentiality.
- **Vaccinations are our best defense to protect children.** An estimated 90% of children ages 12 to 17 are fully vaccinated. We highly encourage all eligible members for the household (12+ years old) to get vaccinated to protect children who are not yet eligible for the vaccine. The majority of pediatric COVID-19 cases in San Francisco were from an unvaccinated adult in the household getting COVID-19 and transmitting it to their family members, including children.

Schools are safe places for our children to learn, socialize and play when the appropriate safety measures are taken. When community background rates of COVID-19 are high, we expect to see cases in most settings, including among children and individuals at schools. SFPD's guidelines for schools are designed to stop the spread of COVID between people at school while minimizing disruptions to the school community. When the proper safety measures are in place, schools are a low risk environment for children and youth. More information on school guidelines for COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

Opening of four new vaccination sites at SFUSD schools

Mayor London N. Breed and DPH announced that vaccination sites are launching the week of September 13 at four schools in partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) in order to further support vaccination among eligible individuals in schools and the surrounding community.

The vaccination sites—located at located at Malcolm X Academy School in the Bayview; Balboa High School in the Excelsior; McCoppin Elementary School in the Inner Richmond; and Sunset Elementary School in the Outer Sunset—will initially administer doses once a week at each site, with several sites open on evenings and weekends to support working families. While these vaccination sites will prioritize staff and families with children at SFUSD, they will also serve the general community. Walk-ins are welcome, and documentation of identity is not required.

DPH has released data showing that pediatric cases have remained low and stable among children, and that schools are safe settings for children when the proper protocols are followed. San Francisco has one of the highest vaccination rates in the world with 81% of the eligible population fully vaccinated. An estimated 90% of children ages 12 to 17 are fully vaccinated.

Funding and staffing for the vaccination sites is provided by DPH and the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, with the locations for the sites being provided by SFUSD. Each of the four school sites has the initial capacity to administer 62 doses each day and is prepared to expand to up to 200 a day, as needed. COVID-19 vaccines are currently FDA-approved for people 12 years and older. Details are as follows:

Malcolm X Academy School

350 Harbor Road in the Bayview

3:30 pm – 6:30 pm on Tuesdays starting 9/14

Balboa High School

1000 Cayuga Ave in the Excelsior

2:30 pm – 5:30 pm on Wednesdays starting 9/15

McCoppin Elementary School

651 6th Ave in the Richmond

10:30 am – 1:30 pm on Saturdays starting 9/18

Sunset Elementary School

1920 41st Ave in the Sunset

10:30 am – 1:30 pm on Sundays starting 9/19

Please visit [SF.GOV/getvaccinated](https://sf.gov/getvaccinated) for a complete list of vaccination sites as well as days and hours of operation. People are encouraged to first seek vaccination through their health care provider, if they have one.

Robán San Miguel receives the Latina/o/x/e Behavioral Health Excellence in Prevention Award

Congratulations to Robán San Miguel, LCSW for being selected and awarded the Latina/o/x/e Behavioral Health Excellence in Prevention Award by the National Latino Behavioral Health Association. Robán will be recognized and celebrated on September 16 at the 2021 [National Latino Behavioral Health Virtual Conference](#). As Director of Mission Family Center (MFC) since 2014, and as a Latina and Indigenous clinician, Robán has grounded her treatment and leadership by centering culturally-responsive practices and community. She has insured that mental health services are provided in the language of the family and focus on the family in the context of community. She has provided training, supervision, and leadership at MFC to ensure that traditional, spiritual, cultural, and intergenerational practices have been interspersed with western treatments, and that healing is co-created and collaborative. In her various roles through the years and across our systems, she has strengthened not just the resiliency of many Latina/o/x/e individuals but also of programs that serve Latina/o/x/e families. Thank you, Robán, and congratulations once again!

Environmental Health and Community Health Equity and Promotion Branches' work reviews in British Medical Journal

DPH's Environmental Health Branch's Retail Tobacco Program and the Community Health Equity and Promotion Branch's work around eliminating flavored tobacco products in SF was reviewed in the *British Medical Journal*. The title of the article is "*Implementation of a comprehensive flavored tobacco product sales restriction and retail tobacco sales*". A link to the article can be found [here](#). The review authors concluded that "San Francisco's comprehensive restriction virtually eliminated flavoured (sic) tobacco sales and decreased total tobacco sales in mainstream retailers. Unlike other US flavoured tobacco policy evaluations, there was no evidence of substitution to concept-flavour named products. Results may be attributed to San Francisco Department of Health's self-education and rigorous retailer education, as well as the law's rebuttable presumption of a product as flavoured based on manufacturer communication." This is a great example of two DPH programs working together to improve public health.

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Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary

(9/16/21 MEC)

	9/2021	07/2021 to 07/2022
New Appointments	22	59
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	49	168
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	8	63
Disciplinary Actions		
Administrative Suspension		
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		

Changes in Privileges

Voluntary Relinquishments	14	30
Additions	10	27
Proctorship Completed	25	58

Current Statistics – as of 9/1/21

Active Staff	560
Courtesy Staff	631
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	292
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,483

Applications in Process	38
Applications Withdrawn Month of September 2021	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 10/1/21 to 12/31/21	131

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September 2021

Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(September 2, 2021 Medical Exec Committee)

	(FY 2021-2022)	
	September	Year-to-Date
New Appointments	3	7
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	6	16
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired/Separated	1	9
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	0
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0

Proctorship Completed	0	0
Proctorship Extension	0	0

Current Statistics – as of 08/31/2021

Active Medical Staff	34
As-Needed Medical Staff	16
External Consultant Medical Staff	45
Courtesy Medical Staff	2
Affiliated Health Practitioners	6
TOTAL MEMBERS	103

Applications in Process	2
Applications Withdrawn this month	0